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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claim 38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Phipps (US 6,314,303).

As to claim 38, Phipps teaches a desktop stand comprising a loudspeaker and a cradle for receiving a mobile phone (see fig. 3, number 300, col. 2, lines 41-55, number 335, col. 3, lines 50-61), the cradle being provided with charge contacts which allow contact with counterparts of the mobile phone and the cradle including contacts which allow contact with counterparts of mobile phone receiving an audio signal from the mobile phone and routing the audio signal to the loudspeaker (see fig. 3, number 310, col. 2, lines 41-55).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 22, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 40, 46, 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phipps (US 6,314,303) in view of Villa-Real (US 4,481,382).

As to claim 22, Phipps teaches a system comprising a desktop stand (see fig. 3, number 300, col. 2, lines 41-55) and a mobile phone (see fig. 3, number 390, col. 2, lines 41-55), the desktop stand comprising a loudspeaker (see fig. 3, number 335, col. 3, lines 50-61) and a connection connecting the loudspeaker to audio signal from the mobile phone (see fig. 3, number 311, col. 3, lines 41-55), and the mobile phone further comprising a connection for routing the signal to the louder speaker (see fig. 3, number 395, col. 3, lines 50-61). However, Phipps fails to teach the mobile phone comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing the audio signal and a timer or clock to activate the radio receiver and/or audio signal player. Villa-Real teaches the mobile phone comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing the audio signal (see col. 3, lines 13-37), a timer or clock to activate the radio receiver and/or audio signal player (see col. 9, lines 46-68, col. 10, lines 1-53). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Villa-Real into the system of Phipps in order to provide a portable cellular phone with multi-functions.

As to claim 26, the combination of Phipps and Villa-Real teaches a system according claim 22, in which the desktop stand comprises a connector for conducting DC current to corresponding counter parts on the mobile phones on the mobile phone (see Phipps, col. 4, lines 25-29).

As to claim 27, the combination of Phipps and Villa-Real teaches a system according claim 22, in which the desktop stand includes a DC power source (see Phipps, col. 4, lines 23-33).

As to claim 30, the combination of Phipps and Villa-Real teaches a system according to claim 22, in which a desktop stand further comprising a microphone and a connection for routing a signal from the microphone to mobile phone, so that the system may be used as speaker phone (see Phipps, col. 3, lines 50-61).

As to claim 31, the combination of Phipps, and Villa-Real teaches a system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand comprises a connector and the mobile phone has a counterpart connection for transmitting the audio signal from the mobile phone to the desktop stand (see Phipps, col. 3, lines 50-61).

As to claim 32, the combination of Phipps, and Villa-Real teaches a system according to claim 22, in which the mobile phone comprises a menu controlled programmable alarm lock allowing selection of the desired audio signal source (see Villa-Real col. 3, line 41-68, col. 4, lines 1-44).

As to claim 33, Phipps teaches a use of mobile phone (see fig. 3, number 390, lines 41-55) and a desktop stand (see fig. 3, number 300, col. 2, lines 41-55) having a loudspeaker (see fig. 3, number 335, col. 3, lines 50-61), and a programmable memory (see Phipps, col. 2, lines 56-67, col. 3, lines 1-35). Phipps fails to teach a mobile phone with a radio receiver and/or digital audio player. Villa-Real teaches the mobile phone comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing the audio signal (see col. 3, lines 13-37), a timer or clock to activate the radio receiver and/or audio

signal player (see col. 9, lines 46-68, col. 10, lines 1-53). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Villa-Real into the system of Phipps in order to provide a portable cellular phone with multi-functions.

As to claim 34, Phipps teaches a mobile phone comprising charging contacts arranged on an outer surface of mobile phone which allow contact with counter parts of a desktop stand (see col. 4, lines 25-29), external contact on external surface of the mobile phone which allow contact with counterparts arranged on the desktop stand for routing the signal to the desktop stand (see fig. 3, number 390, col. 2, lines 41-55). However, Phipps fails to teach the mobile phone comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing the audio signal to the loudspeaker. Villa-Real teaches the mobile phone comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing the audio signal (see col. 3, lines 13-37). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Kim into the system of Phipps in order to provide a portable cellular phone with multi-functions.

As to claim 35, the claim is rejected as to claim 22.

As to claim 37, the claim is rejected as to claim 32.

As to claim 40, the claim is rejected as to claim 27.

As to claim 46, the claim is rejected as to claim 27.

As to claim 48, Phipps teaches a system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand includes a connection to be connected to external DC power source

(see col. 4, lines 23-33).

3. Claims 23, 24, 25, 28, 39, 41-43, 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phipps (US 6,314,303) in view of Villa-Real (US 4,481,382) and in further view of Okanobu (US 3,938,047).

As to claim 23, the combination of Phipps and Villa-Real fails to teach a system according to claim 22, wherein the desktop stand is provided with a button which activates interruption of the audio signal and/or a button for ending the audio signal. Okanobu teaches a button which activates interruption of the audio signal and/or a button for ending the audio signal (see col. 2, lines 19-68, col. 3, lines 1-5). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Okanobu into the system of Phipps and Villa-Real in order to stop reproduction of sounds or alarms at once (as suggested by Okanobu, see col. 1, lines 24-43).

As to claim 24, the claim is rejected as to claim 23.

As to claim 25, the claim is rejected as to claim 23.

As to claims 28, the combination of Phipps and Villa-Real fails to teach a system according to claim 22, in which a desktop stand comprises an amplifier which amplifies the audio signal before routing to the loudspeaker. Okanobu teaches an amplifier which amplifies the audio signal before routing to the loudspeaker (see col. 3, lines 6-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Okanobu into the system of Phipps and Villa-Real in order to improve the signal quality outputted from the loudspeaker.

As to claim 39, the claim is rejected as to claim 23.

As to claim 41, the claim is rejected as to claim 24.

As to claim 42, the claim is rejected as to claim 28.

As to claim 43, the combination of Phipps, Villa-Real and Okanobu also teaches a system according to claim 22, in which a desktop stand comprises an amplifier associated with a volume button on desktop stand which amplifies the audio signal before routing to the loudspeaker (see Okanobu, col. 3, lines 6-15).

As to claim 47, the claim is rejected as to claim 28.

4. Claims 29, 36, 44, 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phipps (US 6,314,303) in view of Villa-Real (US 4,481,382) and in further view of Chang et al (US 6,317,491).

As to claims 29, the combination of Phipps and Villa-Real teaches a system according to claim 22, wherein the mobile phone is on the desktop stand. However, the combination of Phipps and Villa-Real fails to teach the mobile phone, wherein a full screen size of a display on the mobile phone is used to display time when the mobile phone is on the desktop stand. Chang teaches the mobile phone with display and real time clock (see col. 3, lines 25-49). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Chang into the system of Phipps and Villa-Real in order to display information from CPU (as suggested by Chang, see col. 3, lines 25-49).

As to claim 36, the claim is rejected as to claim 29.

As to claim 44, the claim is rejected as to claim 29.

As to claim 45, the claim is rejected as to claim 29.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Snyder et al (US 6,035,221) teaches speaker phone module connectable to either a cellular telephone or battery charger.

Hofman (US 2002/0090919) teaches adapter to convert cell phone to desktop phone.

Freadman (US 6,546,262) teaches a cellular telephone accessory device for a personal computer.

Liukkonen et al (US 6,230,214) teaches portable electronic devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhan T Le whose telephone number is 703-305-4538.


The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-05:00 (Mon-Fri).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 703-305-4385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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